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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The International District Energy Association (IDEA) yesterday awarded the Metro Nashville District Energy System (DES) with its System of the Year Award during the 97th annual IDEA Conference and Trade Show. Given annually, the award is the top honor IDEA confers on a district energy system.

Created in 1992, the IDEA System of the Year Award recognizes the outstanding district energy system that exemplifies a high level of performance in providing energy service and furthers the goals of the district energy industry. The award provides an industry benchmark for overall excellence and a platform for sharing ideas and efforts that make systems successful.

“Everyone involved with Metro Nashville DES is extremely honored to receive the IDEA System of the Year Award,” David Manning, Metro Nashville Director of Finance. “I think it is a testament to the great partnership between Metro and Constellation Energy Projects & Services Group, to the vision of the city of Nashville, and to the staff at the facility.”

Systems are judged on the following criteria by a panel of five industry professionals:

- System Energy Efficiency
- Reliability and Availability
- Environmental Benefits and Compliance Strategy
- Employee Safety and Training Programs
- Customer Relations, Service Improvements, Communications and Marketing
- Involvement in the Community and Professional Organizations

Metro Nashville DES and Constellation Energy Projects & Services Group co-hosted the 97th annual IDEA Conference and Trade Show at the Nashville Convention Center. The award was presented by Rob Thornton, the president of IDEA during the Chairman’s Reception and Banquet. More than 400 district energy professionals from 15 countries, including the United States, came to participate. All activities were held in buildings connected to the Metro DES system.

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Previous winners of the System of the Year Award include the University of Cincinnati, Seattle Steam Company, Consolidated Edison of New York, Steam Business Unit, Trigen Energy Baltimore and the University of California, Los Angeles.

With headquarters in Boston, the 800-member IDEA comprises district heating and cooling executives, managers, engineers, consultants and equipment suppliers from 12 countries. The organization's core mission is to support the growth and utilization of district energy as a means of conserving fuel and increasing energy efficiency to improve the global environment.

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